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Kouji MATSUO, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2811
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
THE SAME)

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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Applicants are filing this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, to the undersigned's knowledge at the time of filing. This IDS supplements the IDSs filed on April 2, 2004 and August 18, 2004.

Applicants attach copies of the listed documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or full translation of the non-English documents JP 8-293494 and JP 10-189966, Applicants enclose a Japanese Patent Office Action entitled "Notification of Reasons for Rejection," mailed on November 29, 2005 in a counterpart foreign

application, citing and setting forth the relevance of those documents. An English language translation of the Japanese Patent Office Action is also enclosed.

In addition, in lieu of a statement of relevance or full translation of the non-English document JP 60-50950, Applicants enclose a Japanese Patent Office Action entitled "Notification of Reasons for Rejection," mailed on December 13, 2005 in a counterpart foreign application, citing and setting forth the relevance of those documents. An English language translation of the Japanese Patent Office Action is also enclosed.

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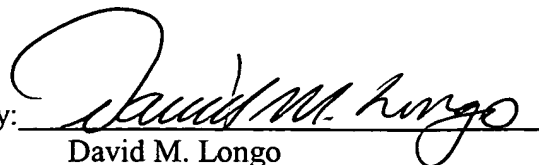
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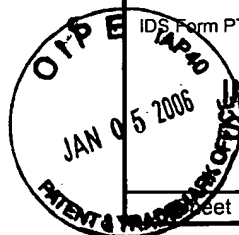
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